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DLIFLC welcomes university participation in sexual-assault prevention workshop

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Defense Language Institute’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) team is hosting guests from more than 20 universities for a workshop designed to share best-practices regarding sexual harassment and assault on campuses.

The two-day event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 and April 1 at the Presidio of Monterey.

Guest speaker Russell Strand, a retired U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division special agent and current chief of the Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training Division at the U.S. Army Military Police School, will speak about the need for a culture shift to eliminate victim blaming and preconceived notions about reported suspects.

Organizers of this event will work to build collaborative relationships between the military and local universities that have similar demographics and face many of the same challenges.

Scheduled workshop topics include: Barriers to Reporting; Unique Challenges within DOD and Academia; Fostering Student Activism; and Building Military and Civilian Community Partnerships.

Universities and colleges expected to attend the event include CSU Monterey Bay, San Francisco State University, University of California Santa Barbara, University of Southern California Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, California Polytechnic State University Army ROTC and Hartnell College.

About SHARP: The SHARP Program reinforces the Army’s commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault through awareness and prevention, training, victim advocacy, reporting and accountability.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event. RSVP by 4 p.m. March 30 at 831-242-5555.

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